May 11, 1932.

Rev. Wm. L. McEwan, D.D.,
906 S. Negley Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Dr. McEwan,

We are struggling on and have had some remittances of one hundred or two hundred dollars but by no means enough to carry us.

I was very much interested and pleased that Mr. Pew sent one of his men down here to look over the plant to inquire concerning our purchases and make other investigations as to the business. The agent afterwards telephoned that Mr. Pew was very much interested indeed and had his chief business man working to see if there were not some way to reduce expenses without curtailing our work. That will be a great help. It surprised me a little that Mr. Pew was so much interested. He may be more interested than we think.

We have had nothing from any of the Directors though Dr. Hodge secured two hundred dollars from Mr. Savage and one hundred from someone else and you sent in a gift of a hundred and in all, I think we have had five hundred from the work of the various Directors. Dr. Greenway promised that he would get at it at once to try to get us some money. Mr. Harbison said he had written to someone. Mr. Crowell, as you know, sent five hundred and I think that covers about all that has come in. We received enough advertisements to pay for the Assembly Number. We are running on and the paper people are beginning to press again and also the landlord. My own salary still remains unpaid which is a serious matter to me but I think I can worry on.

Evidently, the consultation with "The Banner" has issued in no result. Of course, it would be a reduction of overhead to get rid of one of us editors. I think if either were removed, both should be. As I told you previously, I think THE PRESBYTERIAN should still be published in Philadelphia because we have a printing office here and under proper management it could be made to pay for itself. However, all those points are for the Directors if we make any combination at all. I do wish

we could have some money.

I expect to go to Delhi this week. First, because it is much cheaper for me up there and I cannot stay here at the present expense rate continuously but I will return from time to time. I have only two preaching engagements -- less than I usually have during the summer. Many churches are not getting supplies this summer. But, I still believe in God and am sure that everything will come out all right. I think THE PRESBYTERIAN has a mission and I get letters every day which are encouraging though they bring no financial return.

It would be a very nice thing if you would write to Charles C. Savage, 622 E. Gravers Lane, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, thanking him for his contribution of two hundred dollars. I have written him but I think a letter from you would be very acceptable. He is a superlatively fine man, a member of Tyler's Church in Chestnut Hill, has a splendid family -- one son, I think, a lawyer and one connected with Scribners. I think a letter from you would be a great pleasure to him.

I wish also that you would write a letter of thanks to Horace G. Hill, Jr., 308 N. 37th Street, Philadelphia. Horace is a young man, elder in Northminster Church, and is a very devoted friend of mine. He has a family of four children and, I think, no great amount of money in reserve but he saw my notice about our financial condition and he sent me one hundred dollars. I was never more touched in my life. He is a thorough conservative and feels that THE PRESBYTERIAN must be continued. It would be a gracious thing on your part if you should write him a note expressing your thanks. He is one of the finest young men I know and I think one day will have a good place in the Atlantic Refining Company.

I noticed that Mrs. Helen Gould Shepard had given a large amount of money to Gaston Means. She is a very excellent woman whom I have known and she holds a little stock in THE PRESBYTERIAN. She lives in constant fear of communists and it was in that manner that she employed Means. If that woman had given us a hundred thousand instead of Means, she would have done more good. I scarcely dare approach her myself but in some years she has helped THE PRESBYTERIAN. I think she has not liked me

because I have not printed much of the matter against the communists which she is constantly sending out. It was she who gave the Hall of Fame to Columbia University. She is a daughter of J. Gould. If you feel moved to write to her, do so.

I suppose you will be on next week to Princeton. Laird said he saw you at New York. I hope you will not overtax yourself. Be careful of your health.

I do not know whether Dr. Burrell can be elected Moderator or not. It looks to me like Charles Kerr but I am opposed to him because he is a member of the Council and he is in with that crowd who more or less run things. I am told (I do not know) that he was told two years ago that he could be elected this year. Laird said that Hugh Kerr and Timothy Stone went to him and said they would put him across. I have pushed Burrell all I dare lest I hurt rather than help his cause. He would be an excellent man and he writes me that his running is due in part to your suggestion. We do need a new man on the Council.

With very warmest regards,

Your old friend,

WCR*E

906 So. Negley Ave
~~Third Presbyterian Church~~
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 25, 1932

Dear Count-

Critchfield, Thompson & I met Kerr & Shipps representing the Banner- (& tried not to be on this committee), and presented a typewritten proposition, on the basis of former conferences. They are to submit an answer, before they confer with Dr Edwards, the owner- We cannot honestly offer them anything, except to absorb them, if we are to keep the name, charter, policy and hope Control of the Bd- And I cannot pretend anything else-

I am trying to raise some money- It is almost impossible in these times.

Northumberland Presby unanimously & by acclamation elected Burrell a commissioner & indorsed him for the Moderatorship- This can be used as news, without your mentioning his fitness-

I am tired and depressed, and have more responsibility than I ever ought to have; but I want you to know how fully I understand and appreciate what you have had to endure in this straining year. If such financial famine had not befallen us, I feel sure that by this time you would have made the Paper meet with more than ordinary success- I honestly believe the members of the Bd all approve of your work & hold you in high esteem. In their efforts to try to find some way out of the pressing conditions, they are ready to make all sorts of changes- and then they find that after all, the real handicap is lack of money. Nobody seems to agree with me that if we had money, the place to begin would be in the circulation department-

When there is anything definite to report I will let you know of it. I have several begging letters out now & I

Yrs ever

EDITORIAL ROOMS
THE PRESBYTERIAN
1217 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA

April 26, 1932.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The Timely Topics have just come in from the composing room and I note they are one column short. The various T.T.'s you have been sending have all been received but still we need one column. Perhaps the required material may be in our hands tomorrow but I thought best to send this letter to you. If you have not already mailed something, will you do so at once in order that we could have it as soon as possible as the T.T.'s are on the first side which, as you know, goes to press Friday morning.

Everyone in the office sends kind regards to you and Mrs. Robinson.

Yours very sincerely,

Anna I McKinney

AIMcK*E

EDITORIAL ROOMS
THE PRESBYTERIAN
1217 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA

April 22, 1932.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am sending you herewith a letter from Mr. Crowell in which he enclosed his check for $500, the same being duly deposited and spent. I will acknowledge it and no doubt you may wish to do the same. Not one of the Directors who attended that famous gathering has "come across" with his promised contribution.

You are not to return to the Company any part of the enclosed check. As soon as more funds appear another check will wing its way to you. We are also paying the paper company $200 on account.

Mrs. Horn said I was to tell you that she had sold three pages of the cover of the General Assembly Number. One full page has been taken by Mr. J. Willison Smith's company.

We are all well and the work is going along nicely but we will be glad to have you with us again. The girls are all being "good" except Mrs. Horn who is just "trying."

With kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Robinson,

Yours very sincerely,

Thomas I. McKinney

AIMcK*E

April 15, 1932.

Rev. Wm. L. McEwan, D.D.,
906 S. Negley Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear McEwan,

It was a pleasure to see you looking and acting as well as you did. I hope you had a fine trip to Orange and will return not weaker than when you started.

I think the meeting was a very good one. It seems to me that if the brethren give as they pledged and Mr. Crowell will give $2500 we will be in better shape. Laird told me that he could not pay his for some time. He seems to be in financial perplexity of some kind. I imagine the others will pay with reasonable promptness. I will do it when I receive my salary.

I was much surprised to learn that Dr. Burrell is with you in absolutely opposing Dr. Craig as editor of THE PRESBYTERIAN. He seems to have it in for Craig very severely. I doubt if he stays on the Westminster Board very much longer. He told me after the meeting, as he told you and Laird at luncheon, that some of the Directors did not want to retain me as editor. If that be so, it seems that the good brethren are not quite frank with me. I offered my resignation in good faith and if any of the members of the Board think me unfit for the place, it was their opportunity to say so. Laird thinks that Burrell would be very glad to have it. In some ways he would be excellent but I doubt if he would be much better than I am. He would not meet Mr. Crowell's standard.

Probably, some union with The Banner will be made but I have been thinking it over and I am convinced that it would be a direful mistake to transfer THE PRESBYTERIAN from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. Philadelphia is the seat of the Office of the General Assembly; it is near the Boards; and probably has more of the Church gossip than any other place. An editor

here who would keep in touch would learn much of great advantage.

Further, THE PRESBYTERIAN has been here 101 years. The Banner has been longer in Pittsburgh though not always with the same name. It could not, in my humble opinion, secure a nation-wide circulation from Pittsburgh and that would be a great hindrance. I am confident also that if it goes to Pittsburgh it means that two or three Pittsburgh men will dominate its policy which you do not want and which I think the Board is solidly against. I was pleased with the determination on the part of every member apparently to have THE PRESBYTERIAN continue its historic policy.

Another thing is worth considering -- we have this printing plant and I understand The Banner has no printing plant of any kind but has to hire printing done which I am told is very much more expensive. We would have to sell at a great sacrifice and financially it would be a serious matter. I hope that you will not yield that point though it be the only point that we do yield.

By combination with The Banner there would be a decrease in overhead. One editor could take care of the whole matter and he should doubtless be a new man entirely. Faris would not want me and I would not want Faris and so the best way would be to eliminate us both. If I could be retained at a small salary, say $100 a month, to write as Dr. Whallon has done I of course would be very pleased but I leave that entirely to the determination of the new Board if one is formed.

Laird's great point I think is worth considering -- that the new combined paper might have no criticism of the Boards. Without malice of any kind, I think they need constant criticism just as the officials of government need watchful criticism. Personally I know many of the officials and am very friendly to them and it always pains me to say anything against anyone. I think these matters should have consideration in deciding the location of THE PRESBYTERIAN. It would be better to have it printed in Philadelphia with an issue printed here but shipped if need be to Pittsburgh for mailing. That could be done just as well as to reverse the process as some suggested. I think the combination will come to pass because of stern necessities. Religious papers are going to have a hard time for years to come.

You have been very loyal to me and told me

recently that you backed me 100%. I believe you in every instance. I have enjoyed the work here in many ways but I have had a disturbing doubt as to the attitude of some of the Directors. I do not think they know what or whom they want but they are not quite satisfied and I do not believe they will be satisfied with anyone that can be secured. Men like Macartney (who would be unfitted for the task anyway) or other men of high ecclesiastical standing would not think of it for a moment. It would be someone of the class of Burrell or myself or others that might be suggested. I am not discouraged with my work here. Perhaps I am not quite thick-skinned enough to be in the place but I think I have handled it fairly well. I have not done as well just lately because of the many perplexing problems financial and otherwise that have come to me. I was in great quandary as to whether to continue or not. It was a serious question in my mind but I thought you had no one to take my place and probably the paper would be greatly hurt by my stepping out at once.

I take Mrs. Robinson to Delhi on Monday and I may be gone over two weeks. That is, return here May 2nd. Because of the expense, I will not go to the Assembly but I am just about writing Dr. Fulton asking if he will act as our representative there. He understands Assembly procedure and will I think give an excellent account. It has been suggested in the office that we give him $50 which would be a saving of at least $200.

Yours with very warmest regards,

WCR*E

906 So. Negley ave
~~Third Presbyterian Church~~
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 6, 1932

My dear Count -

I understand how being in the midst of the creditors, you have had to bear the brunt of their pressure - But don't let your soul fret. If the Presbyterian fails every dollar of indebtedness will be paid - for the members of the Bd are honorable men. As the member of the Bd longest in service, perhaps I feel the strain more than most. All we can do, is our best under our limitations, and with seeking guidance and help from the Lord - We are doing these things - Therefore, if the bottom drops out - it was meant to drop - and we were put here - that we might be on hand when the bottom falls - When the inevitable comes - we must take it as Christians -

Actually you have done all you can - it must be appreciated by your associates - The times are out of joint, and men are confused - and many do not know what they are crying about - or for -

I shall try to attend the meeting called for 13th - Each time, so far, that I have gotten up and attended a meeting, I have been put back again. I was absolutely forbidden to attend meeting the 3d

I am opposed to turning over the paper to Dr. Craig -

I am opposed to loosening our standard by union with other papers -

If we cannot go on, we ought to have a re- -ceiver appointed - suspend publication while we know we cannot resume - or we can operate under a receiver - and if necessary, die with dignity - It is my honest opinion that brilliant as is Dr Craig - he never could

unite the conservatives - and putting him in charge
of the Presbyterian would strengthen the liberal wing
by driving away many conservatives + by our
remain as a corporation + suspend publication -
(May the Lord help us to escape this!) we hold
the name and rights - until we dispose of
them -

Necessarily, my dear friend - I have not the right
to expect either the influence or the responsibility with the
Bd now existing as in the old days - when Mrs Thaw
and Mr Atkinson + Mr Wells and others furnished the deficits
and wind on my judgment + all of us were of the same
mind - I cannot expect new members of means to depend
on my counsel when I cannot back it with my share
of funds necessary. I am not complaining - I am only
stating what I recognize as necessary facts +

You have repeatedly offered your resignation as Editor,
I think it would be proper for you to do so formally at this
meeting - that the Bd be free to act upon definite, initiative,
movement on your part. No member of the Bd has ever
spoken to me in words of anything but praise and ap-
-preciation of you - yet I would do this, if I were in your
place - It is my conviction, expressed more than once -
that our predicament has resulted from lack of efforts
to increase circulation + Whatever the Bd does, the
future is going to be hard - for a religious newspaper
must be supported as a missionary enterprise - and
the members and leaders of the Church do not under-
-stand this - With greetings from a brother's heart,

William L. McEwan

April 12, 1932.

Miss Rachel K. McDowell,
The Northfield,
East Northfield, Mass.

Dear Miss McDowell:

It was a great privilege to receive your letter and to know that you are improving. THE PRESBYTERIAN has enjoyed Dr. Mendenhall's reports from New York. He is indeed a wonderful gentleman and has given us just what we wanted. You have a wide acquaintance with the Presbyterian clergy and I am sure all have been concerned about your illness.

THE PRESBYTERIAN has had a very severe time financially and we have not paid correspondents of late. Tomorrow there is to be a meeting that will decide on the future course.

Accept my thanks for your letter and also my hope that you may come back to your full strength.

Most sincerely yours,

WCR*E

April 12, 1932.

Rev. Frederick N. McMillin, D.D.,
Gilbert Ave. and Locust St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Dr. McMillin:

I received a copy of your address "Why I am a Conservative." I thought it most excellent. We are so crowded with matter that it has not found its way into print yet but I hope it will do so before long. Just now we are perplexed with the problem as to what to do with THE PRESBYTERIAN. Like other papers, we are having our financial troubles.

Yours most sincerely,

TCR*E

AMBERT G. MOODY,
MANAGER

IN THE HEART OF NEW ENGLAND AMONG ITS MOUNTAINS

RALPH S. THOMPSON,
ASSISTANT MANAGER

Winter
and
Summer
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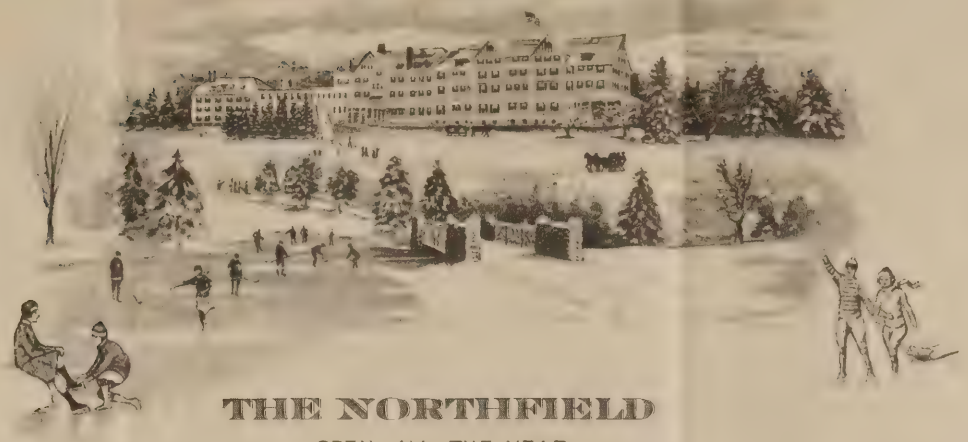

Rest
and
Recreation

THE NORTHFIELD
OPEN ALL THE YEAR
EAST NORTHFIELD, MASS.

April 8, 1932

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.
The President
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I have so many things for which to thank you.

First, for the very kind letter you wrote to me while I was in the Post-Graduate Hospital, New York City.

The second is for the letters, cards and remembrances in general which Miss McKinney and your staff sent to me to cheer me along.

The third is for printing at such length and in such good form the weekly letters "[illegible] of New York and Vicinity" and signed "Occasional" by our co-worker Marion G. Mendenhall who has so gratiously been my substitute all these weeks. Do you know that Dr. Mendenhall, next week, will be 71 years old. If you look in "Who's Who in America" you can get the exact date. You might care to send him a letter. You may recall that a year ago the Presbytery of New York, in celebration of his 80th brithday, gave him a dinner to which he was presented with 250 "Love Letters"

The fourth is for printing the paragraph about my illness which dear Dr. Mendenhall was so kind to write, and of which I knew nothing until I saw it in cold type. That letter has resulted in my receiving the most beautiful tokens of friendship from my old friends in many parts of the country.

The first came from our beloved Dr. G. Campbell Morgan who, with his family, was so solicitous. I have few better friends in this world than Dr. Morgan and his wife and children. Another letter came from Dr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Weaver, of Ft. Fort, Colorado, who are also very old friends.

Still another was received from Dr. William L. Bannermann, Pastor at Titusville, New Jersey, and Moderator of the New Jersey Synod--likewise very dear friends.

I asked Miss McKinney to send the checks which would come to me--and there is no hurry whatever--for the last three months, to Dr. Mendenhall. I do not mind in

the least, so far as I am concerned, that The Presbytery Company does not pay me quite as promptly as they might, as I love my denomination so devotedly and really feel privileged to disseminate its good news to good people through your esteemed paper as a medium.

Again expressing my appreciation of your personal letter and with kind regards to all the staff, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Rachel K. McDowell

Rachel K. McDowell

First Presbyterian Church on Walnut Hills
GILBERT AVENUE AND LOCUST STREET
CINCINNATI, OHIO
FREDERICK N. McMILLIN, D. D.
PASTOR

My dear Robinson

Last January I sent to you a copy of my address "Why I am a Conservative" delivered before the Methodist ministers of Cincinnati. If you cannot see your way clear to publish it will you kindly return it to me. Postage for return is inclosed.

The "Presbyterian" is doing a great work. Keep it up!

Fraternally

Fredk N. McMillin

906 So Negley ave
~~Third Presbyterian Church~~
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 9, 1913

Dear Count:

The change of proxy authority of the Thaw stock was made at my suggestion. The proxy authority is to be filed & vested in me. This was done so that I, as Mrs. Thaw's long associate, could more surely represent her interest.

I would not publish the Editorial appeal for help - excellent as I regard it. I do not believe it would bring any response, and would unnecessarily make public our condition. I find that personal appeals do not bring results in this time of financial depression and uncertainty.

Hurriedly but Sincerely

Yours truly

William R. McEwan

April 6, 1932.

Rev. Wm. L. McEwan, D.D.,
906 S. Negley Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. McEwan:

I hear you have not fully recovered your strength. I am indeed very sorry for this. I hope you will soon find yourself as well as ever.

I was sorry also that the Directors could not meet yesterday. As I told you before, I feel it is very imperative that we get together and decide what we are to do. Our expenses increase all the time and I am staying here hampered in my work because of the situation in which I find myself. I expect to visit Mr. Harbison on Friday of this week and perhaps he can tell me more than I know. I have heard nothing from any of you and am completely in the dark. Dr. Hodge is doing a splendid work in trying to raise some money but he has not been very successful.

I enclose a proof of an editorial. I wrote it last week but have decided not to print it until you as President of the Board and Mr. Harbison as one deeply interested have passed upon it. Do you think it wise to print it and if so please return it promptly.

I have met Laird three or four times. I cannot quite understand him. He seems to be very anxious to turn the paper over to Dr. Craig. I am not averse to that if the Directors think that is best. I judge from the letter sent by Mr. Harbison that he had been rather strenuous in coming down upon Harbison. I sent you the letter. That changed my feeling somewhat for I think that we all owe Mr. Harbison too much to be severe with him in these hard times.

Be sure to let me know about the editorial. Send it back right away if you want it printed.

Yours most sincerely,

WCR*E

April 6, 1932.

Rev. Peter MacKenzie,
Stamford,
New York.

My dear Peter,

I received notice of the meeting of Presbytery. I have an engagement to preach April 17th and will not be able to be at the meeting Monday the 18th but I will make every effort to be present on Tuesday. I am not certain I can make it but I shall try. I am to take Mrs. Robinson to Delhi at that time and I do not know what the situation will be.

Most sincerely yours,

WCR*E

First Presbyterian Church

Delhi, New York

David S. MacInnes, Pastor

March 31,1932

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,D.D.
1217 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Enclosed is a book review which I just finished. Also a copy of our Easter calendar.

Last night was the annual meeting. We had a good attendance in spite of the awful roads. We were able to report all bills paid, benevolences paid in full, and a balance of nine dollars in the church treasury. The offering Easter was $660.00 which made this possible. Altogether the recipts this year are a little behind last year, but no deficits. To my mind this is quite remarkable this year when most bank balances are in the red.

We heard the other evening that you were planning to come up the second week of April. It ought to be cleared up by that time, and we shall be glad to see you. If you are planning to be here over a Lord's Day we shall want t o see and hear you in the pulpit.

Mrs. Davy dropped out Lord's Day morning. Dan McMullen and Adam Maxwell were buried last week. I was told that there was a wreath on Dr. Ormiston's door this morning. He has had a hard tussle this winter. Thought you might like to know, even tho it is not very cheerful news.

Most sincerely,

David S. MacInnes

March 31, 1932.

Rev. Wm. L. McEwan, D.D.,
906 S. Negley Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. McEwan:

Enclosed find a letter from Mr. Harbison which I hope you will return to me as I wish it for my files. I think Dr. Craig's demand upon Mr. Harbison is little short of outrageous. He is evidently bent on getting THE PRESBYTERIAN at any cost and I fear some of the Directors are sympathetic to that. Laird was strong in that opinion. I think we should have a meeting and I would prefer to liquidate THE PRESBYTERIAN than to give it over to him so long as he retains this spirit. My heart goes out to Mr. Harbison.

It does seem to me that you people in Pittsburgh could raise some funds. It shows how severe the situation is that you are unable to do so. We must have a Directors meeting. Please get that just as soon as possible.

With very warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

WCR*E

March 30, 1932.

Rev. David S. MacInnes,
Delhi, N. Y.

My dear David:

I have just received a letter from Bruce Pitcher in which he tells me that you will pay your obligations for the church year and have a small balance in the treasury. I think that is a remarkable record. It speaks first of the blessing of God which is most important. It speaks well for the pastor who has done his work admirably. The more I watch you the more rejoiced I am that we were led to find you and to get you. It was no man's doings and I want you to know that I am with you to the limit. It tells also of the loyalty and devotion of the people. They are a remarkable people. I have known city churches and village churches and I have never seen a superior company taken person by person than is to be found in the old church. You have fine church elders and the other officers are equally excellent. I am glad John Bargin is to stay at the head of the Bible School. I have been wondering about your new trustees. I have no suggestions to make but I think it might be a good thing this year or soon to put Captain Billings on the Board of Trustees. Captain does well if you use him and make something of him. That is just a confidential hint for this year or next. Alfred Hymers or perhaps Will Hymers would make a good trustee. Hale Elliott has been in my mind also. He is a splendid fellow and ought to be used as much as possible. We once thought of him as a possible elder. These are just rambling suggestions that come to my mind.

We leave our apartment Friday and will go to Elizabeth. I will return here on Monday. I have two engagements for April and I think we will go to Delhi probably the 18th. We might have gone earlier had not this last big snowfall come to you. We have had none here but I understand you had a great blizzard.

I do not know just what will happen in this office. I am ready and even anxious to lay down the

position as editor but the way has not opened up as yet. Like everyone else, we have been struck by the depression very severely and some of our best helpers are unable to help us now. I do not know what will come to pass but I hope we will know within a short time.

Please remember us most kindly to your wife and accept my warm regards for yourself.

Yours very truly,

WCR*E

First Presbyterian Church
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON
JOHN ROBERTSON MACARTNEY, MINISTER

March 24, 1932.

The Presbyterian,

1217 Market St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed you will find a letter written to Dr. Mudge. It explains itself. Please give us any light on these matters that you can and immediately.

Yours truly,

J. R. Macartney

JRM:JHC

March 28, 1932.

Rev. Wm. L. McEwan, D.D.,
906 S. Negley Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. McEwan:

Received your letter this morning. Mrs. Horn has prepared answers to your questions which I herewith enclose. I think it is absolutely imperative that we meet right away. I do not understand why we delay. I am held here in a most uncertain position and we must adopt some policy. It looks to me as if The Banner had started out to be a very aggressive liberal paper and I think that THE PRESBYTERIAN under proper management has a better chance than it had before. With a good business manager and perhaps a more aggressive editor, I think it has a field but we can do nothing at all until we get together and discuss the situation. We receive small amounts.

Dr. E. B. Hodge has done valiant work in gathering funds and we owe him a great deal. He is very much opposed to turning the paper over to Dr. Craig and I think some others are although Laird just told me that he is rather in favor of it. Greenway I think is opposed to it and to my surprise I do not think that Dr. Burrell is zealous for it but the main thing is to get together. Please call a meeting just as soon as you can.

I am sorry you have been ill but I am glad it is no worse. It takes such a long time to get over that miserable malady. I hope to see you very soon.

Yours cordially,

WCR*E

March 28, 1932.

Rev. Henry W. MacLachlan, D.D.,
Box 1178, Presbyterian Bldg.,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Dr. MacLachlan:

You certainly are at liberty to use anything from THE PRESBYTERIAN that may be helpful, with some acknowledgment that it comes from our paper.

Yours most sincerely,

WCR*E

906 So. Negley Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa
March 26, 1932

Dear Court -

Messrs Critchfield & Thompson asked me to get the following information, as part of my report to the Directors, at the next meeting:

(1) How much, year by year, have individuals contributed to the support of the paper, since Dr. Kennedy took charge?

(2) What is the amount of our present indebtedness?

(3) What approximately is the amount needed for the year 1932-33 - April to April?

(4) Where do the most subscribers live?

The next meeting will be most important - Either the Bd will stand under or make an honorable end & dispose of the property & meet all indebtedness. I confess to you that I cannot enjoy thinking of Dr Craig's becoming the controller of its destinies - Of course he would want a new Board -

I have been shut in with mild grippe for 2 weeks & did not see Mr. Harbison when he came on for a meeting with the Pitts. members. He is a heroic spirit. I pray that the Lord may deliver him from financial troubles & restore to him abundance for stewardship -

I hope to be able to attend the called meeting.

Your friend
William L. McEwan

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Country Church Department

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Presbyterian Church in the United States

MRS. E. B. IRELAND
SECRETARY

SEND ALL REMITTANCES TO
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Dr. Courtland Robinson
1217 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

My attention has been called to page 10 of your March 17th issue, to the article on "The Country Church".

I would like to have the privilege of re-producing this article in our Department in the Presbyterian Survey.

You are perfectly right in your contention.

Please find enclosed a copy of our annual report.

With every good wish,

Most cordially yours,

Henry W. McLaughlin

HWM:I

First Presbyterian Church
Stamford, New York.

March 22, 1932

Dear Dr. Robinson

Thanks for the book and the opportunity to review it. It did not arrive for several days after your letter and found me at a busy time. I regret not being able to send the Review sooner.

Will you be at Presbytery? Dr. Petrie wants you to say a few words, at the Popular Meeting period, of congratulation to the Womens Missionary Society of Cooperstown. I believe they celebrate their Hundredth Anniversary. Will send docket when printed.

Wishing you abundant success as ever

D McKenzie

March 17, 1932.

Rev. Wm. L. McEwan, D.D.,
906 S. Negley Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear "Bill",

I was so glad to get your letter this morning though I greatly regret that you have been laid up. I dislike very much to trouble you or any of the others but we are so harassed with creditors and have had so many threats that I feel that I should turn it over to the Directors. Your good words as to my work as editor encouraged me very much. Dr. Greenway and Dr. Matthews have written to the same effect. I think Crowell is the only one who seriously dissents though I imagine that Crutchfield and Thompson are not overly enthusiastic. All are fine men.

I think we owe a debt to Mr. Harbison that can never be paid in this world. I have grown to have a deep affection for him and I think no man in the Church has stood more valiantly for the things we hold dear than he. He telegraphed me that he is to be in Pittsburgh today and I hope some good thing can come out of your conference. I hate debt so much that it troubles me. I suppose business men have it all the time and my anxiety and fear may seem absurd to them. I do not want THE PRESBYTERIAN to stop. I will do anything to prevent that. As I have told you so many times, I will get out or stay in or do whatever is the thing to do to keep this old paper in motion. I have a feeling that the Lord has not deserted us and that we perhaps have struck bottom and this very agitation will bring out something better. I am awaiting word from Mr. Harbison as to the result of your meeting today.

Believe me, my old friend, I cherish your loyalty and friendship more than words can express.

Most sincerely yours,

WCR*E

906 So Negley Ave
~~Third Presbyterian Church~~
Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 15, 1932

Dear Count:

It is a relief to you to pour out both your wrath and your fears to my sympathetic soul, and I am sure and understanding— Your last letter and Miss McKinney's desperate telegram found me in bed. After preaching and conducting a funeral on Sunday last, I was so hoarse and had such a temperature that the doctor ordered me to bed— and so I am shut in— But I could not do anything if I were out toward helping the financial situation— My strongest comrades who helped in the past are dead— I do not see how I could have any success in making an "S.O.S." cry to men who are struggling as hard as we are, for a sum so small as our present need, with the men who are our own Board unable or unwilling to provide for the emergency. If a few poor preachers were carrying the burden for the Gospel's sake, I could ask almost anybody.

I can quite understand how Mr. Penn would not wish to be burdened with our needs before he had come allied in uniting the Bd— and I can quite understand that Mr. Crowell who came to be contributor through exchanging support of good causes with Mr. Hopkinson, would feel that he has done more than he had expected— I have no criticism of them. On the other hand, if our own Board cannot pull us out of this difficulty, we are in no condition to try to enlist a larger number of Supporters from the outside.

you have done your best, and which it is embarrassing and distressing to have no salary to live on, you may feel secure that you will ultimately be fully paid -

Mr. Harbison telegraphed me to have Mr Critchfield & Mr Thompson to lunch on Thursday here. He is one of the noblest men I know. Critchfield & Thompson are both of the salt of the earth.

I think you have done a fine piece of work during the past year. I do not know anybody who could have done better. To my mind the chief objective you had - besides making a readable paper - was to win back the respect of the conservatives who had been discouraged and disgusted. You have been as successful as any one could hope in the time given - & have not refrained from saying so in the Board meetings -

I do not know what the outcome will be - I hope Harbison can move some of them - I continued over two years after my resignation from my pastorate - with no assistant - and with heavier burdens. I am worn and tired and not a financier or executor - and do not understand the men who when I pressed the question as far as I could, at the last meeting, of making immediate provision for relief, refused even to consider the question of borrowing from a bank because it would require personal indorsement of a note. I am conscious of ignorance and financial inability too strongly to press on others what I can't do - I have thought of prayed - but I am not the man for the Presidency of a [illegible] in debt.

March 14, 1932.

Rev. Wm. L. McEwan, D.D.,
906 S. Negley Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

My dear McEwan:

According to appointment I went to see Mr. Pew this morning. He received me very graciously and I submitted to him a statement of our financial condition. Pretty soon he began to talk about the need of a paper like THE PRESBYTERIAN. He said it was very dull and he thought it should be transformed into a different sort. It should have bright stories or should become something like the Christian Science Monitor. I tried to explain to him that our paper was specialized, like a professional magzine such as a lawyer's or physician's paper; that we do not attempt to cover news and that our paper was strictly religious. Then I tried to tell him about the affairs of religious papers. He spoke very highly of the Christian Herald. I then told him that the Christian Herald was subsidized by J. C. Penney for $50,000 a year for many years. Mr. Crowell told us that at one of our meetings. Even so it could not make a go of it and had to change to a monthly. I mentioned The Advance as having a serious time and also The Banner. I said THE PRESBYTERIAN had gone along as well as any of them. Then he said there was no field for such a paper. I countered by saying you could say that about any church and any mission work. You always had to fight a battle to get anyone to receive good things. He seemed at last to accept that position, and then said that he thought I had been a good editor, after he had condemned me for being so dull. The only part that he spoke of favorably was Campbell Morgan's contributions. Then we got back to the money. He said he was sorry his publicity man, the best in the country, is very ill with pneumonia as he would send him over to look over our affairs. I told him about McGraw Hill people. He finally admitted that probably that would do no good and that we get a young clergyman to go to meetings and churches just as you and I have said so many times.

He then got back to the financial end and said he would give us $1000.00 a year. He did not propose to get the load shifted on him. He said Mr. Harbison was the most generous man he ever knew. I told him that $1000.00 would do very little for us and that we needed $5000.00 immediately, but he refused absolutely. In fact he is not interested in THE PRESBYTERIAN and said he went on the Board because of his great respect for Mr. Harbison. He said he is a Fundamentalist but not a fighter. My failure to get the money brought consternation into the office and we sent the telegrams to you, Crowell, Monro, Harbison and Crutchfield. Now it is alright for you to say there is no crisis, but there is a verydecided crisis.

March 14, 1932.

To Rev. Wm. L. McEwan, D.D.

Laird is going to write you tonight. I do not know what he will say. The paper men who have carried us in more prosperous years cannot do it now because they are pressed more than ever to meet their demands. It seems to me that Pittsburgh ought to be able to find $5000.00 for this worthy cause.

I think you should call a meeting of the directors immediately, to be held just as soon as possible. I think Craig would pay the indebtedness to get back on the paper but of course we would not want that. I am ready to step out at any time and if I cannot get some of my salary I will have to. I am very sorry to press the matter in this way. I never had to before in all my life. Mr. Crowell has made our situation exceedingly difficult. If he wants me to go, I am more than ready to do it. I am staying now week after week only to keep the paper going but with only half-hearted support of the Directors and a feeling on the part of some that I am incompetent I cannot hold the place. I regret to fail utterly and I do not think I have but I have not been able to command the support of the Directors except your own loyal self. Please give attention to this matter for we must have relief right away. Had Mr. Harbison been able to send all he pledged we would not have been so badly off.

As ever your true friend,

W. Courtland Robinson,

WCR:MH

Dictated by Dr. Robinson, who left the office before letter was completed.

March 11, 1932.

Rev. Wm. L. McEwan, D.D.,
906 S. Negley Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Dr. McEwan:

Here is a second letter which I hope will reach you tomorrow morning. The more I think of Crowell's letter, the more indignant I get. It seems to me that the Directors are simply leaving me absolutely in the lurch. This morning the people who rent the building threatened to take drastic action immediately and three of our office force have given up their salary this week in order to send a month's rent. Now that is a shame and unless there is a change immediately you can consider my work ended April first. I have stayed here without salary all winter and am hard pressed for money and no one seems to have the slightest interest in any of our indebtedness.

I am not putting blame on you personally in the least but I do blame Mr. Crowell. It may be my interview with Mr. Pew will bring forth something but I tell you now that I am done April first unless you people make some move to relieve the pressure that we have to bear. One does not like to be dunned and insulted every day. You can consider this as coming from me when I am thoroughly mad but loving you just the same.

Yours truly,

Dictated by Dr. Robinson,
but mailed after he had
left the office.

March 11, 1932.

Rev. Wm. L. McEwan, D.D.,
906 S. Negley Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Dr. McEwan:

I received the enclosed letter from Mr. Crowell. To say I was disappointed is putting it very mildly. It is quite evident that something does not please him. He wrote me prior to our last Directors' meeting that he had sent you a plan for THE PRESBYTERIAN. I do not recall that you referred to it or brought it up.

Matters are getting very critical indeed. Mr. Pew has arranged for me to have an interview with him early next week. I do not know what the result will be.

I wish I understood Mr. Crowell's mind more fully. I think it plain that he wishes me to retire from the editorship and in spite of no assurance of income to keep us, I am ready to do it any day. I proposed that to Mr. Crowell suggesting Mark Matthews with whom I understand he is in full harmony to take my place. He does not refer to that matter at all. In fact, the whole letter is evasive and I do not know how we can change the matter.

I had a long talk with Harold Robinson and he said that Mr. Crowell had invited him to Augusta and he thought he would go. He said he would put in a good word for THE PRESBYTERIAN. He told me that he knew Mr. Crowell very well (as I do not) and said he was the hardest man to get fixed on anything definite that he knew.

I think you ought to write to Mr. Crowell. I do not think I am called upon to bear the whole burden of this critical situation. We sent a telegram to you because we felt then that our paper supply might be cut off. The prospect of an interview with Mr. Pew has led the company to hold off a little but I labor day and night under the shadow of a possible crisis very suddenly. I do not wish to harass you but since Mr. Harbison has been so troubled, everyone seems to think that you will have to bear the burden. Mr. Crutchfield wrote me to that effect. If you

think this place is an easy one you can come and take this job yourself. Perhaps that would not be a bad thing.

I do not recall in my whole experience which is now quite long to have had a more anxious time. I believe the Lord will bring us out but it may be by some radical change.

I notice The Banner has reorganized and put forth a strong foot. I think they were worse than we.

Please return Mr. Crowell's letter.

Yours most sincerely,

WCR*E

The Presbyterian
A. J. McKinney, Circulation Manager.
1217 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Friends and Brethren.

I have your letter of March 4. Please convey to that elect lady my words of appreciation and gratitude for her great kindness in giving me the Presbyterian for the year. As for the Presbyterian itself I have only words of praise. Its loyalty to the historic faith and practice of the grand old Presbyterian Church is very fine. Now an issue of the Presbyterian comes to me but that there is something especially fine that makes me say, "I wish I could write to the Editor and commend that feature in particular." Of course I do not write. I am against union with the U.P.s. I was born and educated a U.P., too. Muskingum College Ohio A.B. 1895. Xenia Theological Seminary Ohio B.D. 1898. Licensed April 1896. Ordained a U.P. Missionary 1896–1924, ordained 1898.

after the majority of the U. P. Ch. made
think of the Westminster Confession
of Faith and the Catechisms I
quit and united with the Presby-
terian Church and have served as
a rural missionary in our
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Robinson knew better the least of the
situation in the U. P. Ch. he would be
against union. For many years
there have been ordained to the
ministry in the U. P. Ch. who took the
ordination vow with mental reserva-
tions, - that Jesuitical abomination!
That motto, "the unity of God - Forbearance
in love" has long meant that a man
could be unorthodox and yet be a U. P.
minister. The modernists in the U. P.
Ch. are many. The would be Auburn
Affirmationists are many too.
I'm as orthodox as the U. P.s or more so,
taken all in all. I am accepted
this diluted Calvinistic creed, mine
shall. Pardon my length.
Again I thank you for your kindness.
Sincerely David A. McClung. March 7,
Farmingdale. Ill. 1932

March 7, 1932.

Rev. Wm. L. McEwan, D.D.,
906 S. Negley Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear McEwan,

I have your letter of March 4th. Dr. Boyd suggested Dr. Turck to me. I mentioned my objection to an elder. I think that office should be given to a minister and this year particularly to a pastor. Dr. Burrell is exceedingly anxious. The man who nominated him last year was in to see me. He admires Burrell very much but doubted if Presbytery would send him stating (which I tell you confidentially) that he is not very popular in his Presbytery. Of course, he comes from Pennsylvania which is a great handicap but I know of no other man who rises above the horizon. I would be strong for Burrell and I have a notion he would make a great run. He has suggested that he would like to go to nominate someone else. I wrote him by no means to do that. It would look like a deal of some kind and his influence would be nil. Last year he gained great favor because of the nominating speech which was masterly. Whether another could do as well I am not certain. Whether Mark Matthews could put him across is a question. As yet he is the only one I see but I do not know Rogers of whom you speak. In fact, my acquaintance is growing smaller. It may be that we will have to wait the election of commissioners and then find one on whom we could agree. I would like if it were possible to get some man whom the Westminster people would support. I think they would support Burrell although they got very angry at him last May and they are making a fuss about his coming on our Board here. I want to talk to Laird who has a good political head and may see him today. He has been, by the way, seriously ill and I think is breaking although he is better now.

We have hoped and prayed for money to come into our hands here but still Crowell and Pew do not do us the favor of even answering our letters. Crowell asked Harold Robinson to go to Augusta to meet him and I think Harold is going this week. I cannot make the gentleman

out at all. We must have some money right away. We are crowded every day and something sharp may be done.

I wish "Mait" would come on our Board, but I doubt it very much. He is queer also and I question whether he would contribute money. In the first place, they feel poor and secondly he never was a very generous giver of large sums. He writes me occasionally and has commended me to a degree but has also criticised.

I presume you got a letter from me this morning.

Most cordially yours,

WCA*E

906 So Negley Ave
~~Third Presbyterian Church~~.
Pittsburgh, Pa. March 4, 1932

Dear Robinson:

You started to find a candidate for the Moderatorship and announced it. It is wise for you to keep up the search, and have a hand in his election -

Dr Boyd wrote suggesting Dr Tweedy of Centre College. He is one of the finest men I know; but I am opposed to the idea of electing an Elder - none liked it. never believed in it, except for Speer, who is a Seminary graduate - and a noble servant who deserved it -

How would it do to try Davey Burrell again. He is from the East - and that will be somewhat of a handicap -

How would Skilling do? Burrell would be stronger - but Skilling is a fine man with a fine Record -

H. C. Rogers, Kansas City - I think he is sound but could find out -

yrs Cordially
William C. McEwan

I asked Maitland A to come on our Bd. no answer yet

March 4, 1932.

Rev. E. W. McClusky, D.D.,
The Cedars,
Lebanon, Ill.

Dear Dr. McClusky:

I have your letter of March 3rd. I have always been opposed to the idea that was in the General Council. I had nothing to do with THE PRESBYTERIAN in 1923 but I think most of those interested in THE PRESBYTERIAN have been opposed to centralized authority.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

March 3, 1932.

Rev. David S. MacInnes,
Delhi,
New York.

My dear David,

Your letter is before me. I am always so happy to hear from you. I am rejoiced and surprised that the church is coming through the year so well financially. I thought that it might have a decided slump as the people there have suffered much losses. It is a great testimony to your guidance and to the power of the Lord that you are coming through so well. I sent a slight gift yesterday to help in the grand total.

I know the Rev. Robert Wallace Veach. Some years ago the Board of Education and Sabbath School work hired him and I was one of the committee. There was a great fight over his selection and his work was not at all satisfactory. He did not stay very long with the Board. I noticed not long ago that he had an article telling of his travels. It was very well written and I was really surprised but confidentially between us I would not have him in my church for I do not think he will give you enough to pay for the necessary effort and expense. That opinion, however, is not for publication and it may of course be very wrong as it is fifteen years since I have known him.

We enjoy your book reviews very much and I am glad we have you on the list. Please remember us to your wife. I expect Mrs. Robinson will be there early in April. As for myself, I do not know what the future has in store. THE PRESBYTERIAN is having a hard time financially and I have received no salary since November first which makes it rather trying. I am hoping for better things but I have no desire whatever to continue as editor. I think I am getting old and lazy though I have enjoyed the work in many features very much indeed.

Most cordially yours,

WCR*E

First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York
David S. MacInnes, Pastor

February 29, 1932.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.
1217 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

It has been some time since I have written to you. It is not because I have not thought of it, but simply because I have had no pressing matter.

Let me first express my pleasure with some of your rece nt editorials. The paper has become entirely changed, and I believe for the better. I thought your editorial last week on the elder was especially fine. Many speak to me about the paper, and always in terms of praise.

I have received a couple of letters from Rev. Robert W. Veach of Ridgewood regarding holding a series of meetings in Bible study. I am not sure that we need any such man, but I was wondering whether you knew him, and what you thought of him. Do you think he would be a benefit to the church here? I would appreciate your frank opinion. I have not said a word to anyone.

We are now looking forward to the end of the year and the annual meeting. This has bee n a good year in spite of conditions. I hope we can close with all bills paid. There has been a lot of sickness this winter, which has kept us busy. Hope you and Mrs. Robinson have kept well.

Most sincerely,

David S. MacInnes

March 2, 1932.

Rev. K. J. MacInnes,
Puyallup,
Washington.

Dear Mr. MacInnes:

Permit me to express my cordial appreciation and gratitude for your fine letter of February 25th. It was a great word of encouragement.

Most sincerely yours,

MCR*E

First Presbyterian Church
K. J. MacINNES, LIT. B. S., B. D.
PASTOR
Puyallup, Washington

February 25, 1932

Editor Presbyterian: This is in appreciation of your editorial of February 18 under the caption "George Washington!"

Not a word too many, no repetitions of incidents that every American child knows.

A balanced and ripe estimate of a great man is not so easy after all. A boy, no matter how well trained in athletics or philosophy could match this editorial. I appreciate it as I tried it myself last Sunday A.M. before I received the Presbyterian.

Sincerely
Kenneth J. MacInnes

P.S. "There were giants in those days" - Well said.

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February 26, 1932

Rev. Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your letter of the 25th is in your characteristically fine spirit. I have never doubted for a moment that you had the interests of the Church and of the Boards genuinely at heart. One of the reasons I remind myself that I am not an Editor is because I realize that an Editor has to write so much and print so much that he cannot always see the full implications of what he says. It seemed to me that the article to which I referred had implications which you might not have observed, but it did not cross my mind that you ever intended to be anything else than finely loyal to all the interests of Christ as represented in our Church.

I appreciate your courtesy in suggesting the possible printing of my letter, but I think it would not be wise to do so. I am very eager never to appear as a critic of my brethren, who love the Lord as much as I do and are trying to serve Him as faithfully. There are many things that I will say face to face, as I do to you when I write, that I would never want to say in a public place, because my spirit might be wholly misunderstood.

Heartily,

Cleland B. McAfee

Cleland B. McAfee